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### Tucson, Arizona

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Tucson, Arizona**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population (2000 Census): 486,699
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 54.2% white; 4.1% black/African American; 1.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.4% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 1.8% two or more races; 35.7% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)
- Tucson is located in Pima County.

### **Politics**

- Mayor: Robert Walkup<sup>2</sup>
- City Council (Wards 1-6, respectively): Jose Ibarra; Carol West; Kathleen Dunbar; Shirley Scott; Steve Leal; Fred Ronstadt<sup>3</sup>
- City Manager: James R. Keene, Jr.<sup>4</sup>
- Tucson Chief of Police: Richard Miranda<sup>5</sup>
- Pima County Sheriff: Clarence Dupnik<sup>6</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>7</sup>  
The Arizona Partnership, one of the five partnerships of the Southwest Border HIDTA, was designated in 1990 and is responsible for 8 Arizona counties, including Pima County.

### **Federal Funding**

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Tucson:<sup>8</sup>
  - FY 2003:
    - \$100,000 to Adelante Juntos Coalition
    - \$100,000 to Pima Prevention Partnership Coalition
  - FY 2002:
    - \$100,000 to Tucson/Pima County Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention
  - FY 2001:
    - \$100,000 to Southside Coalition
    - \$100,000 to Parents Anonymous of Arizona
  - FY 2000: no Tucson grantees
  - FY 1999:
    - \$100,000 to Arizona-Mexico Border Health Foundation
  - FY 1998:
    - \$100,000 to Luz Social Services
    - \$100,000 to Pima Prevention Partnership

- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>9</sup>  
Two areas in Tucson have been officially recognized and received Federal funding as Weed and Seed sites.
- FY 2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Discretionary Funds awarded to agencies/organizations in Tucson:<sup>10</sup>
  - Center for Mental Health Services: \$2,665,805
  - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$6,180,216
  - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$5,871,562
- Tucson did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program.<sup>11</sup>
- Tucson did not receive any funding in 2002 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.<sup>12</sup>
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received in Tucson:<sup>13</sup>
  - Discretionary - \$5,303,031
  - Formula - \$1,808,232
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Federally-Assisted Low Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant amount received in Tucson:<sup>14</sup>
  - \$124,250 to Greenview Apartments

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- From January 1 to September 10, 2003, there were 882 robbery offenses known to police in Tucson. During full year 2002, there were 1,154 robbery offenses.<sup>15</sup>

Number of Offenses Known to Police, Tucson, 1999-September 2003

<b>Offense Type</b>	<b>Full Year 1999</b>	<b>Full Year 2000</b>	<b>Full Year 2001</b>	<b>Full Year 2002</b>	<b>Jan.-Sept. 2003</b>
Homicide	34	56	44	56	33
Sexual assault	238	338	319	322	245
Robbery	1,238	1,400	1,598	1,154	882
Aggravated assault	2,108	2,050	2,161	2,028	1,600
Burglary	6,094	6,737	6,544	6,720	4,771
Larceny	27,211	27,321	31,101	32,104	24,894
Motor vehicle theft	5,430	6,642	7,981	7,342	5,537
Arson	224	315	343	313	216

- From January to September 10, 2003, there were 533 drug sale offenses in Tucson.<sup>16</sup>

Number of Narcotic Offenses, Tucson, 2000-September 2003

<b>Offense Type</b>	<b>Full Year 2000</b>	<b>Full Year 2001</b>	<b>Full Year 2002</b>	<b>Jan.-Sept. 2003</b>
Possession	3,331	3,358	3,367	2,743
Sale	521	610	607	533
Possession of paraphernalia	1,805	1,760	1,864	1,352
Paint or glue sniffing	10	6	10	14

- Preliminary data for 2002 indicate that 71.3% of adult male arrestees and 70.1% of adult female arrestees in Tucson tested positive for at least one of the following drugs at arrest: cocaine, opiates, marijuana, methamphetamine, or PCP.<sup>17</sup>

Percent of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive, Tucson, 2002

Drug Type	Male	Female
Cocaine	42.5%	45.4%
Heroin	6.5	9.2
Methamphetamine	9.2	14.3
Marijuana	47.2	25.1
Any drug	71.3	70.1
Multiple drugs	30.4	23.1

- Additional Tucson arrestee drug use data for 2002 indicate that 56.2% of adult male and 44.5% of adult female arrestees used marijuana within the past year. Among those reporting past year marijuana use, the average number of days the drug was used in the past month was 10.5 days for male arrestees and 9.8 days for female arrestees.<sup>18</sup>

Adult Arrestee Past Drug Use, Tucson, 2002

Drug Type	Past 7 Days		Past 30 Days		Past Year		Avg. # Days	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Crack coc.	16.3%	24.1%	17.7%	26.2%	24.6%	34.4%	8.7	11.8
Powder coc.	16.3%	11.8%	22.2%	15.8%	30.1%	27.6%	4.5	5.2
Marijuana	41.4%	27.2%	47.4%	31.0%	56.2%	44.5%	10.5	9.8
Methamph.	7.8%	9.7%	9.2%	11.9%	14.9%	18.3%	7.0	7.9
Heroin	3.6%	7.1%	4.8%	7.5%	7.7%	10.7%	8.2	14.3

### Juveniles

- As part of the 2002 Arizona Youth Survey, 1,326 students from Pima County were surveyed. Approximately 23.9% of Pima County seniors, 23.0% of tenth graders, and 22.8% of eighth graders reported being drunk or high at school within the past year.<sup>19</sup>
- More than 10% (10.5%) of Pima County seniors, 13.2% of tenth graders, and 6.4% of eighth graders reported that they have sold illegal drugs within the past year.<sup>20</sup>
- Approximately 29.1% of the Pima County high school seniors surveyed reported using a drug within the past month.<sup>21</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Past Month Substance Use, Pima County, 2002

Substance	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	41.6%	49.6%	58.8%
Cigarettes	8.4	17.0	27.1
Smokeless tobacco	3.8	4.2	7.2
Marijuana	18.9	24.1	23.8
Inhalants	5.9	2.8	1.8
Hallucinogens	0.8	3.8	3.7
Cocaine	3.0	3.6	5.1
Amphetamines	0.9	2.8	1.8
Steroids	1.7	1.0	1.4
Heroin	1.3	1.6	1.9
Sedatives	0.0	2.3	3.5
Ecstasy	5.2	2.8	2.7
Any drug	24.4	27.1	29.1

- More than half (50.6%) of the Pima County high school seniors reported using marijuana during their lifetimes.<sup>22</sup>

Percent of Students Reporting Lifetime Substance Use, Pima County, 2002

Substance	8th Grade	10th Grade	12th Grade
Alcohol	69.7%	72.8%	81.9%
Cigarettes	40.9	48.4	58.9
Smokeless tobacco	37.2	23.5	26.1
Marijuana	37.3	44.0	50.6
Inhalants	10.3	8.6	9.4
Hallucinogens	1.6	11.2	13.5
Cocaine	5.5	9.9	13.9
Amphetamines	3.6	7.0	8.2
Steroids	2.4	1.9	2.7
Heroin	2.0	4.4	4.7
Sedatives	1.2	6.3	8.4
Ecstasy	7.5	8.2	9.2
Any drug	43.5	45.5	53.1

**Enforcement**

- Street Narcotics Section<sup>23</sup>  
Formed in November 2001, the Tucson Police Department's Street Narcotics Unit addresses narcotic problems within Tucson.
- Metropolitan Area Narcotics Trafficking Interdiction Squads (MANTIS)<sup>24</sup>  
Initiated in 1988, MANTIS is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency narcotics task force in Pima County. The Tucson Police Department administers MANTIS.
- As of October 2001, there were 1,316 full-time law enforcement employees in Tucson (979 officers and 337 civilians).<sup>25</sup>

## **Trafficking and Seizures**

- The Tucson area is one of the major transshipment points for cocaine distribution in Arizona.<sup>26</sup>
- During 2002, the Tucson Police Department's Narcotics Detective Unit initiated or assisted in the recovery of 1,688 pounds of marijuana, 3,281 grams of methamphetamine, and 430 grams of cocaine.<sup>27</sup>
- Tucson's Street Level Undercover Squad seized 741 pounds of marijuana, 792 grams of cocaine, 283 grams of crack cocaine, and 311 grams of methamphetamine.<sup>28</sup>
- During FY 2002, the MANTIS Task Force seized 11,473 pounds of cannabis.<sup>29</sup>

### **Seizures Made by the MANTIS Task Force, FY 1988-2002**

	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 1988-2002</b>
Cocaine (ounces)	673	187,096
Cannabis (pounds)	11,473	876,780
Cannabis (plants)	1	8,948
Heroin (grams)	5,043	7,690
Amphetamines/methamphetamine (grams)	683	28,959
Other drugs (dosage units)	29,517	211,190
Value of seizures	3,870,272	33,533,900

## **Courts**

- Drug Courts<sup>30</sup>

As of September 2003, there were 3 drug courts in Tucson that have been operating for over two years. Two of these drug courts are Tribal drug courts (Pascua Yaqui Tribe). There were also 2 drug courts that had been recently implemented. No additional drug courts are being planned in Tucson.
- Pima County Drug Prosecution Project<sup>31</sup>

Administered by the Pima County Attorney's Office, this program provides prosecution and court litigation services for all law enforcement agencies in Pima County, including the MANTIS Task Force and the Pima County Sheriff's Office narcotics units. Since beginning in July 1991, this project has concluded 13,224 cases, which resulted in 10,173 felony and 360 misdemeanor convictions.
- Tucson City Attorney's Drug Enforcement Project<sup>32</sup>

Administered by the Tucson City Attorney's Office, this program handles all non-felony drug cases referred by the Tucson Police Department's MANTIS Task Force and the Pima County Attorney's Office, along with asset forfeiture cases. Since July 1991, the activities of this project have resulted in the conclusion of 29,480 drug cases, which resulted in 226 felony and 19,541 misdemeanor convictions. During FY 2002, 781 offenders were diverted to treatment in lieu of prosecution under this program.

## **Corrections**

- Approximately 15% of the Arizona Department of Corrections inmates on June 30, 2003 were from Pima County.<sup>33</sup>

## Consequences of Use

- During 2000, there were 248 drug-induced deaths in Pima County.<sup>34</sup>

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